



# NEWS RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

### **Traffic Congestion Expected in Burbank During Seismic Retrofit Work on I-5 (Golden State Freeway) at Buena Vista Street Interchange**

*City Streets Under Freeway Will Be Reduced to One Lane in Each Direction*

BURBANK — The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) advises motorists to expect traffic congestion and delays during seismic retrofit work scheduled to start April 9 at the Buena Vista Street interchange on Interstate 5, the Golden State Freeway, in Burbank.

The work involves the I-5 bridge columns and requires lane reductions on city streets under the freeway at the Buena Vista Street interchange:

- Northbound and southbound Buena Vista Street will be reduced to one lane in each direction.
- Eastbound and westbound Winona Avenue, west of Buena Vista Street, will be reduced to one lane in each direction.

Severe congestion is expected at the intersection of Buena Vista Street and Winona Avenue, and at the intersection of Buena Vista Street and San Fernando Boulevard. Traffic backups could extend to northbound and southbound I-5 off ramps.

Drivers are advised to pay close attention to changing traffic patterns and are strongly encouraged to seek other routes. The seismic retrofit work is expected to be completed by approximately late May. The schedule is subject to change due to weather and other factors.

The work is part of a series of I-5 improvements in Burbank including HOV (carpool) lanes, elevated railroad tracks, a new interchange at Empire Avenue, and more. The bridge retrofit work will ensure that the existing bridge columns are more resistant to seismic activity. More information is available online at [My5LA.com](http://My5LA.com).

Drivers will see more work on California bridges and highways as a result of SB 1, the state's new transportation funding. Caltrans reminds drivers to "Be Work Zone Alert" and "Slow for the Cone Zone."

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